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Pamela Creedon
Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Dear Ms. Creedon,

We have reviewed the draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) to address nutrient impairment for Clear Lake. Based on our review we have concluded that the TMDL adequately addresses the pollutant of concern, and the current implementation plan will result in attainment of water quality standards. The TMDL includes allocations, considers seasonal variations and critical conditions, and provides an adequate margin of safety. EPA has provided financial support to the Board for model development to support the linkage analysis and allocations. We are encouraged with the revised draft basin plan amendment which allows all parties involved with implementation to work together and submit one report to the Board.

Upon adoption of the Clear Lake nutrient TMDL and the Delta diazinon and chlorpyrifos TMDL, you will have met 100% of your TMDL work plan commitments for this fiscal year. We appreciate your work to date and encourage your Board's timely adoption of this TMDL on June 23. If you have questions, please call me at (916) 930-5646 or Debra Denton at (916) 341-5520

Sincerely,

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